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SORRY FOR THE WAIT, RIKA IS BACK!
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CHAPTER 9 ● DAD'S DREAM
TOMOCHIKA MIYANO PRESENTS

TODAY'S THE DAY OF THE FATHER'S AND SON'S BASEBALL TOURNAMENT, HOSTED BY KAZAHANA MIDDLE SCHOOL.
PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN DROPPING OVER THE YEARS TO THE POINT THAT THE FIRST MATCH IS ALSO THE FINAL ONE
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STRIKE!
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
DAD'S AWESOME~

SHEESH, THE GAME'S ALMOST OVER IT ONLY GOES FOR 7 INNINGS AND THEY'RE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 6TH RIGHT NOW
PHEW~ MADE IT IN TIME~
YOU'RE~ LATE~, ONII-CHAN
I CAN'T SKIP OUT ON MY TRAINING
DAD'S BEEN STRIKING BATTERS OUT LEFT AND RIGHT, TOO
YOU TOTALLY MISSED IT
I DIDN'T REALLY WANNA SEE IT IN THE FIRST PLACE
WHY IS DAD THE ONLY ONE IN UNIFORM...
ISN'T HE JUST A LITTLE TOO INTO THIS!?
DID YOU MAKE ME A LUNCH?
YEAH HERE ONIGIRI
THANK YOU
AH-
HAZAMA'S UP NEXT~

YOU SHOULDA JOINED THEM, ONII-CHAN
NO WAY, BASEBALL'S BORING.
YOU USED TO PLAY CATCH WITH DAD WHEN YOU WERE A KID,
BUT YOU NEVER DO IT NOW, DO YOU?
STRIKE!
PLAYING CATCH WITH YOUR DAD IS GROSS
NISHIZAWA
1
THAT'S STUFF ONLY LITTLE GRADE SCHOOL KIDS DO.
I BET DAD WOULD BE HAPPY IF HE GOT TO PLAY WITH YOU NOW THAT YOU'RE ALL GROWN UP.
DOUBT IT.

I DO THINK HE'D BE MOVED TO TEARS IF YOU WASHED HIS BACK NAKED, NOW THAT YOU'RE ALL GROWN UP THOUGH
AS IF I'D EVER DO THAT!
ARE YOU RETARDED!?
ONLY LITTLE GRADE SCHOOL KIDS TAKE BATHS WITH THEIR DAD!
KEEP IT UP, DAD~
STRIKE, BATTER OUT!
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
YOU'VE ALMOST GOT A PERFECT GAME~
OW-OW-OW-OW!
M-MY WAIST-
NISHIZAWA
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WHAT ABOUT SUZUKI?
HIS WIFE JUST WENT TO GET THE CAR
HNN
HNN
COME SUB IN FOR OUR TEAM"
KAZUYA~
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PLAYERS NOW.
IT'S A REAL FATHER-SON SHOW-DOWN!
PINCH HITTING IS THE NISHIZAWA FAMILY'S KAZUYA!
I'LL HAVE TO MAKE SURE I DON'T HURT HIM
KAZUYA!
THIS IS A REAL BATTLE!
RUNNING IS THE KING OF SPORTS
IF I WIN, YOU QUIT TRACK AND START PLAYING BASEBALL!
NOT A CHA"NCE.
I AIN'T WASTING MY TIME WITH SOME GAME WHERE YOU SIT ON THE BENCH HALF THE TIME!

DON'T BE STUPID.
NISHIZAWA
1
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU LOOK,
YOU'LL NEVER FIND A SPORT MORE INTERESTING
THAN BASEBALL!
UOH!
STRIKE!
THAT WAS A STRIKE!?
WOW, THAT WAS FAST
HANG ON
TIME OUT.
MUST BE FROM ALL THAT BASEBALL HE PLAYED 20 YEARS AGO
HE SWITCHED TO THE LEFT!?
ALRIGHT, FINE. THIS IS A REAL BATTLE.
I'LL SHOW YOU RUNNING IS THE KING OF ALL SPORTS.

HE'S PROBABLY AIMING TO BUNT AND USE HIS SPEED TO HIS ADVANTAGE,
BUT BASEBALL ISN'T SO EASY THAT YOU CAN BUNT
WITH YOUR NON-DOMINANT HAND!
A FAKE BUNT!
YAHOO~ SOFTBALLS REALLY DO BOUNCE, HUH~
GUAH!
IT'S TAKING FOREVER TO COME DOWN!

HE'S ALREADY THAT FAR!?
YOU LITTLE-
NISHIJIMA
UWAH, A HUGE WILD THROW.
HE JUST HIT SECOND BASE
AND MADE IT TO THIRD WITH TIME TO SPARE!
NICE HIT, KAZUYA!
TOLD YA, RUNNING IS THE KING OF SPORTS.
IT'S MY WIN.

HA
HA
HA
HA
NISHIZA
I'LL BE SURE TO HAVE YOU COVER MY TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL CHARGES
AH, SHUT IT!
WHEN I GO OFF TO THE OLYMPICS FOR THE 100M SPRINT, DAD
NICE ONE, OLD MAN!

THAT'S ONE RUN
GH.
NOW WE'RE 4-1, JUST 3 MORE RUNS TO TIE.
THERE GOES HIS NO-HIT, NO-RUN SHUTOUT.
THE PITCHER IS REALLY NERVOUS NOW~
BALL
BALL
BALL
FOUL
LEM
LOOK AT THAT, A FEW GOOD HITS AND WE'RE ON TOP.
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DAD...
DAMN IT!
NISHITA
1
ALRIGHT, TIME FOR THE TOP OF THE 7TH
YAMADA LOOKS BEAT.
HE'S PANTING LIKE A DOG OUT THERE
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA

OUT!
TIME OUT, CHANGE PITCHERS!
KAZUYA~ YOU GO PITCH!
ME?

YAMADA IS DEAD TIRED
HE SAID PITCHING ANYMORE MIGHT INJURE HIS ARM
GETTIN OLD SUCKS, HUH~
JUST THROW US SOME MORE LASER BEAMS LIKE YOU DID FOR THAT OUT JUST NOW!
FATHER-SON REMATCH TIME.
ONE MORE MATCH, KAZUYA
IF I WIN, YOU PLAY BASEBALL!
YEAH YEAH.
JUST SO YOU KNOW, I CAN HIT ANY PITCH
THAT'S SLOWER THAN MINE.
WHY DOES HE WANT ME TO PLAY SO BAD...?

AND?
SO WHAT!?
DAMN THAT WAS FAST
STRIKE!
THAT WAS ALMOST 90 MPH!
COME ON, DAD
STRIKE TWO!
ZAWA
DID YOU FORGET? I AM AN ACTIVE athlete YA' KNOW!
WHA... YOU-
SINCE WHEN COULD YOU THROW THAT FAST!?

STRIKE THREE, BATTER OUT!
DAD!
BESIDES, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME THAT RUNNING IS THE FOUNDATION OF PITCHING...

GAME, SET!
THE YAMADAS WIN!
NICE ONE, KAZUYA.
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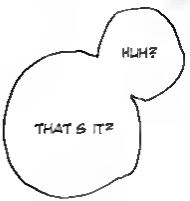
DON'T GET SO DEPRESSED
YOU GOT THAT TOWEL FOR PLAYING, DIDN'T YOU?
LOOK... I'LL EVEN GIVE YOU THE WHISKEY WE ALL GOT FOR WINNING
KEEP IT...
IF YOU CAN PITCH THAT WELL
THEN WHY WON'T YOU PLAY BASEBALL!?

GUEH-
DON'T SAY THAT!
JUST SO YA' KNOW, I'M FASTER THAN A PRO BASEBALL PLAYER
'CAUSE BASEBALL'S FOR SLOW-POKES.
It's so lame.

DAD'S DREAM
IS JUST TO PLAY CATCH WITH YOU, GOT IT!?

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO MEAN?

DAD'S BEEN LONELY SINCE YOU STOPPED PLAYING CATCH WITH HIM
IN THE 6TH RADE.
PLAY CATCH? WHAT...?


HUH?
THAT'S IT?

I'LL PLAY CATCH WHENEVER YOU WANT, OLD MAN.
GOOD FOR YOU, DAD ♡
YEAH
I'M REALLY GLAD
HE'S CRYING
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

OH YEAH, BY THE WAY,
DAD'S ALSO BEEN LONELY SINCE YOU STOPPED TAKING BATHS WITH HIM IN GRADE SCHOOL.
YOU SHOULD TAKE BATHS WITH HIM AGAIN FROM NOW ON

NO WAY! ARE YOU STUPID OR SOMETHING!?
IT'S NOT ANY WORSE THAN PLAYING CATCH WITH HIM, RIGHT?
IT'S WAY WORSE.

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